engines are being operated, separately;

(c) the total length of rail route extended during the last three years; and

(d) the amount spent thereon during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The total length of railway lines (route kilometres) in the country is 63,028 kms. (latest available figure as on 31.3.2001).

(b) Out of the total route kilometres as given above, 15,398 route kms. are electrified. While electric locos run only on electrified route, diesel locos can run on the entire network.

(c) and (d) New lines constructed and gauge conversions completed as well as the amount spent thereon during the last three years are given below:

	New lines (kms.)	Gauge conversions (kms.)	Amount spent (Rs. crores)
1998-99	224	693	1164.49
1999-00	167	260	1125.56
2000-01	152	92	1221.92

Conversion of Rangiya-Murkongselek Rail Line

1014. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the Rangiya-Murkongselek MG rail line into BG;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The survey has been completed. However, due to heavy throwforward and large shelf of projects under gauge conversion, it has been decided not to take up the gauge conversion from Rangiya to Murkongselek for the present and to consider the project for being taken up after other gauge conversion works in the region get completed.

Doubling of Rail-Line in Gujarat

1015. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to double the single rail lines in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The surveys for doubling of Delhi-Ahmedabad and Udhna-Jalgaon lines are in progress. Further consideration of these projects would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

(c) Does not arise.

Platforms and amenities on CR station

1016. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no platforms and other amenities at Central Railway, Railway stations at Khopoli, Lauji, Dolawali, Kelavali and Palsadari in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to construct platforms on the above stations and by when?

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